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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 02N-0276, Registration of Food Facilities under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (68 Federal Register 5377; February 3, 2003)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. (Ocean Spray) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the above referenced proposed rules relative to the "Registration of Food Facilities" requirements of "The Bioterrorism Act" (the Act).

Ocean Spray commends the FDA's continuing efforts to ensure the safety and security of the nation's food supply, however we request consideration of the following points of concern:

- We feel strongly that the emergency contact individual is someone located at corporate headquarters instead of the highest-ranking official at a processing facility. Dissemination of information will be much more timely if one key person is contacted at the corporate level.
- The requirement of non-essential information on the registration form will be burdensome, time-consuming, and unnecessary in relation to Food Security. The initial intent to register the name, address and phone number as well as all trade names under which the registrant conducts business should be all that is mandatory.

Ocean Spray also strongly supports the comments submitted by The National Food Processors Association (NFPA) and request that careful consideration is given to their many recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

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RE: Comments on Bioterrorism Act

MESSAGE

Please find enclosed comments submitted on "Prior Notice" and "Facilities Registration" of The Bioterrorism Act.

Thank you,